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THUREDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1912.

DELAYING THE INEVITABLE.

The after the will fighting in Londone to hald to diplomacy the ground they sained by war in Albania, Macc or Service or to retain Denotice on the doubt may arose from the agreemen in for Turkey and grant autonoms which would mean that Turkey would have the same power in Albania that one has how in Macedonia.

Unification will hopen to corresteps of Adrianopie to a successful but the Turkish delegates are pressure hard for a revictualling of hard in Turope. The Aurianople prethe primary rause of the hall Prance's from determination to uphold to be ignited strictly to burepey and this is a warning to tipeses, which is loth to hear the call

commenced to London one trying to make It they succeeded the glies model ment very little beyond their heart trouble, it is suspected, vectors in Macedonia. The congress of London may delay the movitable me Turkey for a little, but youth will have its war in the end.

THE BEST LISTENER

him ... - with that believe ages would on your strend tore your whether his the the resistances to program the Bost intens in the United States. Wheth. or of your be-had lichened to good pair. Design Statement Statement

90... VINCENT ASTOR'S WISDOM.

Bargaras in oxpressed in New York over the beyord that Vincent Attor on for granted that a chap in his sit-

rume around the noted - people sole and morning the sighter. Can't be steen sec late are for wants to fix the morn ing and not bother to go to an office Then why absould be work?"

The natural amover is that pountity in his about life Mr. Autor has content's for an occupation, whether he is of the pressure of living.

That happens to be the way people

really gave the most complete satisfaction, then the race never would WILL LOWER THE have developed a civilization. It is the restless desire to do something that has produced the age of steam ind electricity.

If he desires to work Mr. Astor will e showing himself only a normal Parcels Post Means Lower Prices

IMPORTATION OF LUXURIES.

Importation of inxuries into the United States is now running at the 1 rate of \$1 000,000 a day. Of course, the term "luxuries" is an elastic one, am extent by the viewpoint from which ned; but it is at least a fact that during the month of October, 1912, the meants included \$14,000,000 worth of ert works: \$5,000,000 worth of tobacco cigars and other smokers' materials ices and embroideries; over \$1,000, tificial, more than \$1,000,000 worth o scorated ching, over \$1,000,000 work of tors, meanly \$1,000,000 90,000 worth of cabinet woods, of which mahogany formed the principal part, and sundry other articles usually onsidered as luxuries, bringing the coral imports of this class of materials or the month of October up to \$32. ----

If anybody is in doubt regarding the meany of inoculation against typhoid et him consult the statistics supplied Surgeon-General Charles F. Stokes | ed and made remunerative to the pro-1911 it appears there were two ducer, as well as highly satisfactory undred and twenty-two cases of tyshould in the mayy, with fifteen deaths ut a single case of typhoid, from thick the patient recovered. The protection afforded by inoculation (red of the market can command, against typhoid infection lasts from me and one-half to five years

It cost the Eritish government \$100 on to investigate the Titanic disaster. remarks the Toronto Mail and Empire out the work will not have to be done again in a generation. Let us hope it will not sincerely.

A New York man who was arresto or winking at a girl presented a de fense that he had eye trouble. Als

A New York bride is suing for dipiece became her husband took the largest share of the beefsteak Quite m offense these days.

SOME GOOD STORIES

Practice Makes Parfect.

"Blocged to you." said a dir contled looking negro, who had edged as way into the office of a prominent Arkanses ettorney, 'and I wants to get a divolce fam my wife on de And have any of the missile eriously injured you?

"Sab" No. sab! She didn't th'ow ione of dens savt-ub ar-ticles at met be does flung dishes and stove han'tes " support dathway: And deg didn't one of 'em hit me. But wid all dis but practisin, some of dese days she gwine to git to be what they call a ex-They arms if a certain pert, and built mult head!"-Women's

Great Soldier.

"Yes, I was at the maneuvers," said he tellective stranger. "I was with

"Tell us something about it." Well, the first day I took two of m Reds officers"

Yes, and the next day I took eight

Weil! Well! Weil! Anything else?" Sure. The day before we quit 1 ook a lot of transport wagons and felwest that up by taking a big gun." Say, my friend," said one of his mistoric "what are you anyhow?" "on, I am a photographer."-New

Her 250 Words.

The girls of the fifth form were ask ed to write a 250-word essay on a moor our. The bright hope of the form duty weighed in with this:

My uncle bought a motor car. He can riding to the country and it broke leave in going up a hill. My uncle has paid the duty on the stuff and her tried to make it go, but couldn't, although he spoilt a new suit by trying recken that is about forty words. The other 210 words are what uncle said as be was walking back to town; but they are not fit to write down."-Philadelphia Record.

The Occasional Chord.

There are chords in the human heart strange, varying strings, which are only struck by accident; which will remain mute and senseless to appeals the most passionate and earnest, cusual touch. In the most insensible or childish minds there is some train reflection which art can seldom lead a loop or a millionaire, lossa most or skill assist, but which will reveal tself, as great truths have done, by chance, and when the discoverer has the plainest and simplest end in view. are made. If they weren't, if laziness .- Charles Dickens.

COST OF LIVING

Think U. S. Officials

Washington, Dec 26.-In the opinior of officials of the postoffice department purcels post system will have vital effect on the problem of the high ost of hving.

Based on examination covering two

nonths, the officials today declared their conviction that the parcels poswill do more toward reducing the ost of food necessities than all the legislative investigations in the past and all that may come in the future ost will be the agency to break as ombinations of commission merchant; and middle men in the larger cities. It s believed the new system will bring the food producers, particularly the The farmers, the department says, will take advantage of the parcelr post to rush tood products direct to the tables of the city consumer The investigation by the department rural sections adjacent to Cleveland have not been slow to recognize the possibilities of the purcels post. Letters have reached the department showing that the truck gardeners farmers and poultrymen around Cleveland are anxious to build up daily farm service with the consumers for daily shipments of eggs, butter and hickens. The farmers realize, it is

to the customer. Such transactions, the department believes to a large extent will remove the producer and consumer from the gun and in all the ten months up to manipulation of the food foliber, who the first of November there had been is charged in practically all the large cities with buying at the lowest murk to which he can better the prices and then selling at whatever figure his con-It is pointed out that the farmer

stated, that patronage can be develop-

currounding the larger cities-hereto fore almost entirely at the mercy of the express companies-invariably held eggs, butter and other produce anti) such time as they had consider able bulk to send to the food jobber at one shipment that would insure the lowest possible transportation charges. Under this system it frequently is several days before eggs and other perishable farm produce reach the onsumer. This concentration will be wiped out, the department officials beieve, through the building up of a mail order business for the handling of small farm products.

The department has sent out notifi ation that skill in packing the produc cill be a big factor in the successfu onduct of the business and the design of cartons of minimum weight with maximum security for fragile shipments will call for ingenuity. It is be lieved that cartons will be devised r that they can be used repeatedly, just s bottles are used in the milk trade

n the large cities. The department officials foresee such rapid growth of the parcels post system that daily service will be exended far beyond the shipment of outter and eggs. It is believed the farmers soon will be supplying cit; opsumers with berries of all kinds. shipped at a minimum cost, vegetable and riperied fruit picked immediately efore shipment.

attention is called to the fact that the British system of parcels post was in operation in this country ten years ago. Shipments made from Great Brit ain were by contract received at ports f entry by the American Express ompany, and flat rates given by that ompany for carrying packages to any part of the United States were as folone: Thirty-six cents for packages up to three pounds in weight; fortyeight cents between three and seven pounds; sixty cents between seven and leven pounds. By this arrangement a citizen of England could send an eleven-pound package from Liverpool to San Francisco for more than \$1 tess than an American could send a similar package from Cleveland to San Franisco by express. An investigation of this business shows that the American Express company found this business extremely profitable, although the greatest revenues came from packages weighing less than five pounds on the shorter lauls in this country, where in some instances the charges exceeded the regular express rates.

How it Hit Him.

A woman went to the Orient and oming back, was caught trying to smuggle in a lot of choice silks. She had to pay duty and a fine. Then there was talk of a criminal action to folow. Her son-in-law cailed on the ustoms officials.

"Is it possible," he asked in a severe tone. 'after my mother-in-law one that you contemplate criminal

"We are considering it," the customs official replied gravely. "And if my mother-m-law were to se convicted, as she probably would

be, she would have to go to jail?" "I think so." "Do you mean to tell me you intend to do his to a woman a woman who has already expiated her fault and recompensed the government?"

"I do. But look here, old chap don't take this too hard. I've got to nd respond at last to the slighest do my duty, you know. Don't feel so badly about it."

"Badly!" shouted the son-in-law "Why, my dear sir, this is the first gleam of sunshine that has entered my home in twenty years."-Tit-Bits

Milk prices in Buffalo are to be investigated.

How Five-Ton Copper Boulder Was Transported

Ontonagon Relic New In Washington Was Taken to Detroit by Julius Eldred in 1843.

The unleading during the season of navigation from modern steel lake reighters of many tons of bar copper at the foot of Randolph street. Detroit, recalls the berculean feat of Julius Eldred, an early-day Detroit nor did they have greater success the merchant, in penetrating the wilderness about Lake Superior and transporting everland from the Ontonagon river to Detroilt the Jamous five-ten native copper boulder, which stands today as the first considerable shipment of copper taken from the Lake Superior region and the largest mass ever taken away intact from a mine, says the Detroit Journal. The Michigan copper monarch is now in the National museum in Washington.

The Untonagon boulder was rearded as a household god by the the Ontonagon river, his party turned moved. from their path and ascended the river for 30 miles to visit the wonderful mass of copper,

It excited much interest from expedition attempted to procure some specimens, but such was its hard the wooden railway track forged ahea, ness their chisels broke like glass.

but the only result was to detatch tapids down to Lake Superior. sie es of quarta rock adhering to the native copper. The party, disheart- fronted by an order from the secre

public-spirited citizen of Detroit, and for 16 years Eldred schemed and planned how he might secure the landed in Detroit and placed on exprize boulder.

Eldred Was Pioneer. falo in a schooner in the summer of monarch formed 23 years previous 1816. the hold of the vessel, and as there tien Eldred was notified that the rev to swim ashore. Eldred played a rock for transportation to Washington leading part in the affairs of Detroit and on Nov. 9 the boulder started of from 1817 until his death in 1851. He its long journey to Buffalo, up the lived on the northeast corner of Eric canal to New York city and Griswold and Larned street the first Georgetown. Eldred accompanied it. ouse built after the great fire of goods hardware and heterogeneous bridge, of Detroit, chairman of the Jefferson avenue and Randolph street, he was paid \$5,664.98. The rock was where the water office now stands. In 1841 Eldred with an interpreter the Smithsonian institution

surchased the copper rock from the Chippewa Indians for \$150, intending e exhibit it for money. They reach ed the copper, raised it on skids, but more than this they could not do;

In 1843 Eldred again left Detro after his prize with wheels and astings for a portable railway, and to protect his property rights he se ured a permit to pre-empt the sec tion of land on which the boulder stood. He was surprised and chagrin ed to find his block in the possession of Wisconsin miners. The only thing to do was to buy the rock over agai and this Eldrid did, paying \$1,365, It took a week for Eldred's part

of 21 persons to get the rock up the Indians. In 1819 Gen. Cass made 56-foot hill near the river; then the the first exploration to the Lake cut timbers and made a stout wood Superior regions undertaken by the en rallway track, placed the rock of overnment, and doubtless fured by an improvised car and moved it with the mass of copper at the fotles of capstan and chains as houses are For four and a half miles, eve

hills 600 feet high, through valley and deep ravines, through thick for its ests where a path had to be cur great size and purity and the Cass through the tangled underbrush, the home of the pestiferous mosquitoes and the copper builder was tran-In the spring Gen, Cass' party cut ported; and when at last the rock 60 cords of weod, which they placed was lowered to the Ontonagon stream about the boulder and set fire to the nature smiled on the labors of the When the copper was well workmen and a freshet came to carry heated they dashed water upon it, the heavily laden heat over the lower

At Lake Superior Eldred was cor ened, left the country after moving compensate Eldred, Gen. Conninghan the rock four or five feet. The Bar- ham to seize the rock, paying the De beau party, from Sault Ste. Marie, troiter \$700 for his trouble and exwe years later, had no better suc- penses. The sum being too small to compensate Eldred, Ken. Canningham It so happened, however, that gallantly allowed him to transport the Joseph Spencer, one of the Cass ex- boulder to Detroit, and premised if the pedition, told the story of the mass curiosity was ordered to Washington sive copper rock to Julius Eldred, a Eldred should be placed in charge of it Lands in Detroit.

On Oct. 14, 1843, the boulder wa hubition for a fee of 25 cents. Henry R. Schoolcraft, the explorer, renewed Eldred sailed to Detroit from Buf- an acquaintance with the coppe

He had two black horses in After less than a month of exhibit was no place to land, the horses had enne cutter Eric was waiting for the Eldred appealed to Congress for re-1895, and dealt in flour, whiskey, dry dress, and Senator William Woodarticles, on the southwest corner of committee on public lands, saw that removed to the National museum of

tock companies. alled "Vice Versa."

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

frama for Boo Fitzsimmons, n "Fanchon" recently.

Wavid Warfield is to go to the Pa- this he attended at the Harvard law itic coast for an extended tour. Emma Trentini has scored a succes with "The Fireffy" in New York.

which he intends to act himself. for the cast of "The Sunshine Girl."

The marriage is announced of Alla was an unsuccessful candidate on the

Bryant. Ffoliott Paget is to act Mrs. Malaprop in Annie Russell's revival of "The

Rivata A new musical play shortly to be was at that time a professor. produced in Chicago is called "Frivo-

ous Geraldine." A new production to be made Los Angeles is called "The House

Glass," and is by Max Marchin, John Mason is going on a vestern tour in "The Attack," with Martha Hedman as leading lady. Maude Adams will soon celebrate

per eight hundred and twenty-fifth performance of "Peter Pan." James Montgomery, author of Ready

omedy which he calls "My Hero." "Our Wives" is soon to begin an encagement in Chicago. Edna Von Luke has been engaged for one of the roles. Eleanor Kent has joined the Eddle Poy company in "Over the River," In of much riding, a party of travelers the spring she is to appear in a new

Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian primitive station, but could find a and singer, will begin his American stationmaster. Presently, tour in New York about the last or this month.

presented in January in London, Frank Craven will go abroad to play his original part. Winthrop Ames will produce John

Galesworthy's latest play. "The Eldes: Son," at his Little Theater, New York, next season. Harry Arkins' novel, "The Red Button," is to be dramatized and will be

Latham in the leading role. Paul Armstrong has written a play, called "The Love Story of the Ages," which deals with reincarnation. It will be produced by Oliver Morosco

St. Louis is to have an Industrial World Magazine. Loan society to oset loan sharks.

the Los Angeles theatrical manager.

by Revivalist "Billy" Sunday,

"THIS IS MY 37TH BIRTHDAY."

Philadelphia has four successful William F. McCombs, chairman the National Democratic Committee Willard Holcomb has a new sketch and manafer of the Wilson presidential campaign, was bern in Ashley county Hal Reid is to write a three-act Arkansas, December 26, 1875. He received his preparatory education it Adelaide Heim has been appearing Teanessee and in 1898 was graduated from Princeton University, Following school, from which he was graduated in 1991, and was then admitted to the New York bar. For several years h Carter De Haven is writing a play was employed as a clerk by a prominent law firm. He then opened a Joseph Cawthorn has been engaged office of his own and before long had attained a high place in his profession Wallace Eddinger has left the cass Prior to his taking charge of the reof "Officer 666," now, playing in Lon- cent campaign his only experience in practical politics was in 1904, when h Nazimova to her leading man, Charles Democratic ticket for the New York general assembly. Mr. McCombs has been a close friend of President-cleen Wilson ever since he was a student a Princeton, where the President-elec-

> Admiral George Dewey, here of the buttle of Manila bay and ranking of of ficer of the United States mayy, 73 years old teday.

Hon Joseph Dubue, former chief justice of Manitoba, 72 years old today Morgan G. Bulkeley, former United States senator from Connecticut, years old today.

William D. Stephens, representativ in Congress of the Seventh district of Money," has Just finished another California, 53 years old today.

SYRIA'S QUEER CUSTOMS.

ing some railways in Syria. Wear; on their way to Beyrout resolved on day to go by train. They arrived at one of the camp followers arrived looked about, and, spying a small re-"Bought and Paid For" is to be flag lying on the platform, made of with it along the line. When a train came in the man waved his flag, the engine driver pulled up, and the travelers got in. Later, while the train was puffing on its way, the guard came along the footboard and issued tickets, carefully noting down 1714 names, nationality and occupations of the passengers. Two stations farther produced by John Cort. with Hope on they got out, and here there was not only a stationmaster, but a porter, and the latter stayed with them all day in an orchard till the camp arrived, meanwhile feeding them with honey from the comb. Where else, one wonders, could such a charming rallway system be found?-Wide

Los Angeles is to entertain Chris Columbus, Ohio, is to be invaded tian Endeavor national convention

******* **New Year's Calling**

How It Originated and Is Carried On

TEXT to Christmas the most joyous annual festival has been the advent of the new year This has been so ever since the Christian era. As far back as the history of man can be traced the New Year day has been an occasion of feasting and rejolcing. From the oldest authentic record it has been transmitted down to our times and is still observed. The feast was instituted by Numa and was dedicated to Janus. who presided over the new year Jan. 1, 713 B. C.

In the middle ages it was religiously observed by the flow of wine and the eating of baked meats. The chieftains of the European tribes appointed it as the day of receiving their captains and vassais. Their chief was not adverse to receiving some token of regard from his people to remind him of hem during the remaining 364 days. The people soon learned to consider it good form as well as good policy to bring with them a substantial remem-

Queen Elizabeth made New Year's day a general court occasion, in which she greeted her loyal subjects and received their gifts. It was customary to present Queen Bess with the finest raiment procurable. All the courtiers tried to outdo each other in selecting the most magnificent textures for their royal mistress. Sir Walter Raleigh one New Year's morning outstripped them all by presenting her majesty with a pair of woven silk hone, the first ever worn in England.

In northern climes the New Year has always been one of the chief gala days of the season. The town folks always call upon the chief magistrate and drink his health. The idea of paying New Year calls in this country in a general way for years was confined to New York state, though other states adopted it and practiced the custom to a moderate extent. The early settlers of jolly old New Amsterdam made the advent day of the coming year the happiest of the annus. In those primitive times everybody knew each other from one end of Manhattan Island to the other. After paying their grave respects to the governor they visited each other

When the English came to New York they continued the ancient custom, which helped to cement the good fetlowship that has since prevailed between the two races. For years the popularity of New Year as a day of feasting became so prominent that Christmas was lost sight of. Year by year the calling custom grew in favor. The young women would try to outdo each other in the sumptuousness of their table and elegance of their toilets. In the beginning of the last century the young maidens took pride in the fact that the clothes they were and the tables they set were the work of their own hands. The gallants would start out early and go over a list of a score or more, paying their respects to the matrons first and winding up at the home of their chief attracter. Every body who was anybody in those days

In fact, it was considered a duty be owed to society and to his hostess to drink whenever be was asked and fill the bumpers up to the brim. As the city increased in size the custom in-



A NEW YEAR'S CALL IN OLD NEW YORK.

creased in popularity and the calling acquaintances of the people in magni tude. The fair New Yorkers entered into friendly rivalries with one another as to who should receive the largest

The "upper crust" celebrate New Year at their country homes. Ocea sionally a solitary catter may be seen valking through a fashionable avenue anxiously looking for a house where he once was a welcome visitor in or der to pay his annual respects, but nothing greets him but closed doors

Because the fad has become passe with the fashionables it does not follow that there is no calling done. The so called common people keep up the ancient custom and look forward to In times gone by it was one of the

pleasantest of customs, and many who condemn it secretly hope that it may yet he revived with the unpleasant

Beyond Power to Overcome. The self-consciousness just cozes out of a young drummer on his first trip.

New York's death rate for 1912 is 12,67,

A Wartime New Year's Day Experience !

N New Year's morning, 1864. when the thermometer, was below zero, probably the most undisciplined body of troops is the whole Union army marched into camp at Martinsburg, W. Va. The men looked careless, fatigued, sleepy and cold. Some of them were bareheaded, which showed that they had traveled day and night and had fallen asleep on their borses. Many had lost their bats and caps by their heads coming in contact with the limbs of the trees in the woods. Some had the front and back parts burned out of their overcoats and trousers. which had probably happened while they were dozing before the fire. A few of them were some Confederate clothing, indicating apparently that they had captured some Confederate quartermaster's stores and had replaced their own damaged garments with their enemy's clothing. Others had their feet tied up with pieces of blankets and sheepskins

Many of the men were dismounted: others were mounted on wagon borses and mules, with the harness still on the animals. This showed that their wagon train had been destroyed and that some of the men, who had lost their cavalry horses, had mounted these nuimals.

The infantry and the citizens of Martinsburg gathered around and star ed at these troops in wonder. Thu was General Averill's command, four regiments of cavatry and a battery floo had just returned from the Salem raid The raiding party left New Creek (now Keyser City, W. Va.), Dec. 8, 1863 marched to Salem, Vn., thence back to Martinsborg, W. Va., arriving there Jan. 1. 1864, traveling twenty four days. During this time the party trav eled several hundred miles, fore up the Virginia and Tennessee railroad tracks to prevent General Lee from re-enforce ing General Longstreet, who was fight ing General Burnside at Knoxville, Tenn. At Salem the Confederate quar termaster and commissary stores were destroyed.

On our retreat a dozen or more Con federate brigades were after us and tried to head us off at every crossroad At Covington, Va., after the bridge over Jackson river was burned, our regiment, the Fourteenth Pennsylva nin envalry, which was the rear guard and a few dismounted men of other regiments that were with the wagon train were surrounded on the south side of the river. One of the Confed erate generals sent in a flag of trace demanding a surrender, but we fought our way through. After we burned our wagon train we awam the Jackson river.

On our retreat we traveled through a severe snowstorm and slid down by mountains. Our artillery was saved by pulling it over the mountains with

Our brigade lost on this raid killed, drowned, frezen and captured, 146

men and five officers. A few men were so badly frozen that

they died shortly afterward. Thus on that New Year's morning we were cold, hungry, tired; steepy, dirty and shabby. Uncle Sam soon heard of our condition and came to as with outstretched arms, for on Jan. 10 he presented every one of us with a brand new outfit, which included overcost, dress cost, blouse, hat, cap, shirt, rawers, stockings, boots and blanket We soon commenced to get conceited for we believed that we were the only brigade in the whole Union army that had ever received such a magnificent gift from the United States government James F. Hays in Baltimore

The New Year.

American.

Ring out wild hells, to the wild sky.
The flying cloud, the frosty light.
The year is dying in the night. Ring out, wild bells, and let him dis

Ring out the old; ring in the new The year is going. Let bim go. Ring out the false, ving in the love

Ring out the griof that saps the mind Ring out the fend of rich and poor;

Ring out the want, the care, the me

The faithless coldness of the times Ring out, ring out, my mourrful rings. But ring the fuller minatrel in Ring out false pride in place and bland.
The civic slander and the soils.
Ring in the love of truth and right.
Ring in the common love of anoth

Ring out old shapes of foot discount.
Ring out the narrowing but of gold.
Ring out the thousand wats of old.
Ring in the thousand years of pears.

Ring in the valunt man and free. The larger heart, the kindler hand, Ring out the darkness of the land,

Modern Philanthropist. "Why are you sobbing, my little

man?" "My pa's a millionaire philanthro-Dist. "Well, well, that's nothing to cir

"It ain't, ain't it? He's just premised to give me \$5 to spend at Christmas provided I raise a similar amount."

\$200,000 For New Year's Candy. New Year's day in France generally is observed with the giving of pres ents, a custom Americans observe very slightly. Boxes of candy take the lead. In Paris alone it is estimated \$200,000 was expended on candies for New Year's presents in 1912.

A Sad Awakening.

dreamer of dreams woke up one And what do you think he found: bundle of bills that he could not pay And collectors snooping around.

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